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SUBJECT: UNESCO COURIER ISSUE ON PORTUGUESE AFRICA

REF: A) USUN 5317; B) STATE 238951; C) STATE 238777

1. UNESCO COURIER EDITOR KOFFLER (US) INFORMED DEP PERM REP DEC 7 THAT 'PORTUGUESE' AFRICA ISSUE OF COURIER ONE OF THREE 1973 ISSUES DEDICATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN OBSERVANCE OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF UN'S UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OTHER 1973 ISSUES DEDICATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WERE: JULY (THREAT TO PRIVACY AND RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL) AND OCTOBER (40 MILLION CHILD WORKERS).

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR ISSUE BASED ON ARTICLE I (PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS) OF UNESCO CONSTITUTION; AND 17TH GC RESOLUTIONS 7.1 (RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING INTER-SECTORAL PROGRAMS: HUMAN
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RIGHTS AND PEACE) AND 10.1 (UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND

ITS TASKS WITH RESPECT TO THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM, PARTICULARLY SECTION I, PARA 7.) LATTER RESOLUTION IN PARTICULAR PINPOINTED AS JUSTIFYING NOVEMBER ISSUE, AND WAS, OF COURSE, OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED BY NON-ALIGN*D MEMBER* OF UNESCO AT 17TH GC. IN VIEW OF PROHIBITION CONTAINED IN PARA 3, ARTICLE I OF UNESCO CONSTITUTION AGAINST UNESCO INTERVENING IN DOMESTIC MATTERS OF MEMBER STATES, IT ESSENTIAL TO NOTE THAT PORTUGAL NO LONGER MEMBER OF UNESCO, ITS MEMBER-SHIP HAVING TERMINATED ON DEC 31, 1972.

3. ALL TEXTS IN NOV ISSUE, WITH EXCEPTION OF LEAD ARTICLE, "THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF 'PORTUGUESE' AFRICA", BY BASIL DAVIDSON (UK) WHICH SPECIFICALLY ORDERED BY EDITOR KOFFLER, WERE BASED ON OR TAKEN FROM EITHER UN OR UNESCO REPORTS OR DOCUMENTS.

4. COMMENT: POSSIBLE KOFFLER (US) AND/OR SOCIAL SCIENCES/ CULTURE SECTOR HEADED BY HOGGART (UK) AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION HEADED BY HERZOG (FRANCE), WHO COLLABORATED ON PLANNING OF NOVEMBER COURIER, TIMED ISSUE TO COINCIDE WITH UNGA DEBATE ON PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, IT CLEAR COURIER EDITOR, ALTHOUGH AMERICAN, DOES NOT HAVE SYMPATHY FOR US POSITION RE AF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS (NOR DO MME. HERZOG OR HOGGART) AND WAS PROBABLY AMENABLE TO USE OF UNESCO COURIER TO SUPPORT ANTI-COLONIAL ACTIVITIES. US PERM DEL VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO JOEL BLOCKER'S ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES AS OPI DIRECTOR. BLOCKER WILL BE IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR OF COURI*R EDITOR. HOPEFUL BLOCKER WILL BE ABLE IMPOSE MORE BAL*NCED COURIER OUTPUT. US PERM DEL RECOMMENDS BLOCKER BE BRIEFED (SEE OFFICIAL INFORMAL LETTER JONES TO FORSTER) THOROUGHLY (PREFERABLY AT DEPT) ON US POLICIES CONCERNING UNESCO. IRWIN

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